

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
ROANOKE DIVISION**

Donnell Saquan Barnes, a Virginia inmate proceeding *pro se*, filed this civil rights action claiming that the defendants denied him access to the grievance process. To state a cause of action under 28 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege facts indicating that he has been deprived of rights guaranteed by the Constitution or laws of the United States and that this deprivation resulted from conduct committed by a person acting under color of state law. *West v. Atkins*, 487 U.S. 42 (1988). However, an inmate has no constitutional or other federal legal right to participate in grievance proceedings. *Adams v. Rice*, 40 F.3d 72, 75 (4th Cir. 1994). Accordingly, Barnes's allegation fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted and, therefore, I will dismiss this action without prejudice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1).

ENTER: This 25th day of January, 2016.

Norman K. Moon
NORMAN K. MOON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE